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SENATE BILL 6099

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By Senator Murray

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1 AN ACT Relating to a state route number 520 expansion impact plan  
2 mediator; adding a new section to chapter 47.01 RCW; and declaring an  
3 emergency.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 47.01 RCW  
6 to read as follows:

7 (1) As soon as practicable after the effective date of this act,  
8 the department shall hire a mediator, and appropriate planning staff,  
9 including urban, transportation, and neighborhood planners, to assist  
10 the department in developing a state route number 520 expansion impact  
11 plan for addressing the impacts of the state route number 520 bridge  
12 replacement and HOV project on Seattle neighborhoods, parks, and  
13 institutions of higher education, and the city of Seattle. The  
14 mediator must have significant professional experience in working with  
15 impacted communities that surround major transportation construction  
16 projects, mitigating the construction impacts on those communities. In  
17 evaluating the project impacts, the mediator shall give substantial  
18 weight to the concerns of neighborhoods and institutions of higher  
19 education impacted by design proposals, and shall work with the

1 appropriate planning staff. The mediator shall work to ensure that the  
2 plan provides a comprehensive approach to mitigating the impacts of the  
3 project. The department shall hire the mediator within existing  
4 appropriations allocated for the state route number 520 bridge  
5 replacement and HOV project.

6 (2) The state route number 520 expansion impact plan must be  
7 submitted to the commission, which shall oversee the development of the  
8 plan. The commission shall approve the plan sixty days before the  
9 propositions required under RCW 36.120.070(2) and 81.112.030(10) are  
10 submitted to regional voters at the 2007 general election, or before  
11 the beginning of the 2008 regular legislative session.

12 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** This act is necessary for the immediate  
13 preservation of the public peace, health, or safety, or support of the  
14 state government and its existing public institutions, and takes effect  
15 immediately.

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